

## ABSTRACT

Provided is an expression vector capable of constitutive expression of a foreign gene in a bacterium belonging to the genus *Rhodococcus*. The vector is a constitutive expression vector for a bacterium belonging to the genus *Rhodococcus* comprising: DNA comprising a nucleotide sequence of a mutated *TipA* gene promoter where a mutation is incorporated into a -10 region sequence of a *TipA* gene promoter, the mutated *TipA* gene promoter being capable of thiostrepton-independent and constitutive expression of a gene located downstream thereof; a promoter sequence for the constitutive expression of a foreign gene, the promoter sequence being a nucleotide sequence of DNA claimed in any one of claim 1 to claim 3; a ribosome-binding site sequence located downstream of the promoter sequence; and a multiple-cloning site sequence capable of incorporating a foreign gene therein, located downstream of the ribosome-binding site sequence.